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ORHS Foreign students: (L to R) Claudia Risopatron, Isabelle Granoux, Roen Acosta and Angelica Diaz are some of OR's visiting foreign students

O.R. HOSTING STUDENTS FROM FOUR CONTINENTS

by Chrissy Jackson

There are eight new students here at Oyster River, from all over the world, including France, Spain, Columbia, and Czechoslovakia.

"I love it! (even if sometimes I am homesick)," said Isabelle Granoux, 17, from the French Alps. Like Isabelle, most of the students are here to improve their English, and learn the American culture.

Isabelle had studied English for seven years before coming here. She is staying for one year, with the Jenkins' family in Lee.

From Barcelona, Spain comes Andres Oliva, 16. After studying English for four years, Andres said it's not that hard to understand, just the English classes. When questioned about differences

between OR and his previous school, Andres said "The homework, the sports, and my school wasn't as social place, like here."

Daniel Mikusik, 17, has been studying English since the sixth grade, in Prague, Czechoslovakia. Although he found it difficult for the first few weeks, Daniel's impression of OR was that "People are polite, school is easier."

Amaechi Ezeugwu, 18, came from Nsukka, Nigeria. Having studied English before, he came here to improve on his education and English. His general impression of OR and the U.S. was "It's a great place to live, and most of the people are nice."

Carlos Bombin, 16,

SCHOOL BOARD PUTS PLEDGE BACK IN O.R. HIGH SCHEDULE

by Chrissy Jackson

On September 13, the Oyster River School Board passed a new policy regarding the Pledge of Allegiance.

The policy states that "There will be a regular observance of the Pledge of Allegiance...at selected events...at the High School."

"ORHS has always had a school policy on patriotic exercises", Oyster River Principal Ms. Anne Brown said, "but we never used it." The Board decided to strengthen the policy, leaving the times and places of the Pledge's recital up to each school's principals.

For the high school, this means the Pledge will be said on special occasions or events "When the whole school is together," such as "opening day assemblies and pep rallies," according to Ms. Brown.

There are many different points of view about the Pledge of Allegiance in

schools. "I believe that the Pledge of Allegiance is testimony to nationalism, and that is selfish," said Ms. Winterbottom, who also said that in a time to think about Global Peace, sharing is more of a concern than nationalism.

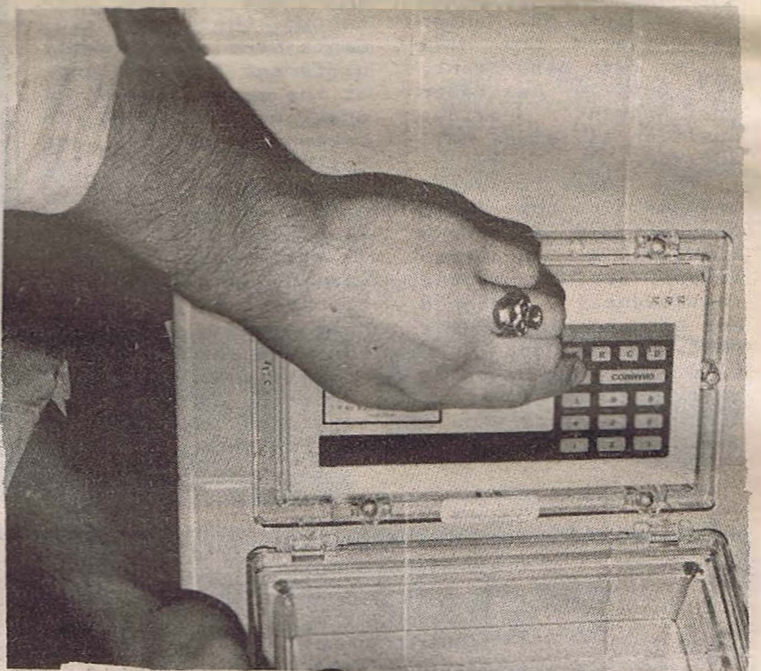
In 1940, the Supreme Court ruled eight to one that the flag salute could be required. In 1943, the Court overruled its prior decision, at a six to three margin.

Mrs. Perry believes that "Students and teachers should not be forced to [say the Pledge]." The school Board policy states that "...no student or staff member should ever be coerced into participating in the pledge to the flag if contrary to personal, religious, or philosophical beliefs," and that any person "...may be excused by whatever process the administration establishes." The Board also states that

those excused "...may be included in any ensuing discussion." Mrs. Perry went on to say "My feeling is that I personally don't have a problem with it."

The Pledge was written as a celebration marking the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of America. In 1892 President Benjamin Harrison called for patriotic exercises in school, and the Pledge of Allegiance was taken from the "Youth's Companion", a children's magazine. Francis Bellamy, an associate editor of the "Youth's Companion", claimed authorship in 1923. Long after, in 1954, during the Eisenhower presidency, that the words under God were added.

The first two recitals of the Pledge this year have been at the freshmen and sophomore opening assembly, and at the all-grade pep rally.



NEW SECURITY SYSTEM ON LINE THIS WEEK

by Nathan Lapierre

Burglars and vandals beware! Oyster River High School will soon be turning on its new security system. The alarm system will be turned on nights and weekends and will only be accessible to faculty members who have been familiarized with the system.

Sports practices and theater rehearsals often conflict with the alarm schedule as many practices and rehearsals are on nights and weekends. This inconvenience is something that will have to be

resolved in order for the security system to run smoothly.

The alarm system was installed over the summer in hopes of securing the "vulnerable building, with millions of dollars worth of equipment," according to Assistant Principal for Student services Nancy Winterbottom.

ORHS drama director Mr. Tappan comments "I understand the need for the alarm. It will make life more difficult, but we will work around it."



(L to R) Mrs. Kishbaugh, Ms. Mannion, Mr. Twiss

FACULTY HAS NEW FACES

by Kristi Morong

Oyster River High School has added five new teachers to its faculty, replacing others who retired or are on sabbatical this year.

Mr. Twiss is teaching music, previously taught by Steve Denson. Mrs. Horowitz has taken Mrs. Rous' place in the English department, and Mrs. Kishbaugh has replaced Mrs. Nash as the home economics teacher. Mr. Lofgren is the new shop teacher, replacing Mr. Rollins. Ms. Manion has replaced Mrs. Hill in the math department, Ms. Dutille has taken Mr. Robbins' previous position as study hall advisor.

Mr. Twiss is making changes in the music program. He considers himself a "problem-fixer", seeing that the instrumental program has been lacking in the past. He has set up a band third period, a music theory class seventh period, and a jazz band after school.

He's trying to get people who play instruments to participate.

Mr. Lofgren teaches shop. Changes he would like to make include teaching two new classes: theatrical set design/construction, and building models of inventions and ideas.

When asked what she thought of the students at ORHS, Ms. Dutille, the study hall advisor, commented, "They're

certainly full of energy". She further commented that the students here are slightly different from the ones at the school where she previously taught in Lebanon, because she doesn't notice "as much ethnic and economic diversity" in this area.

All teachers interviewed were enthusiastic about being here.

"I'm looking forward to the rest of the year," commented Ms. Manion.

"I'm quite optimistic about the future," said Mr. Lofgren.

STATE LAW BANS ALL SMOKING IN HIGH SCHOOLS AFTER JAN. 1

by Tim Myers

Smoking will be prohibited at Oyster River High School for faculty members as well as students starting January 1, 1991, according to assistant principal Nancy Winterbottom. This change is due to a new state law prohibiting smoking in all public buildings.

Current O.R.H.S. rules allow faculty to smoke in a 12x20 foot closet containing a ventilation system, refrigerator, table and chairs. The closet is also used to store English books.

The faculty smoking area remained after the student smoking area was abolished during the 1985-86 school year. According to Ms. Winterbottom, the smoking

area was abolished because students smoked a large amount of marijuana as well as cigarettes. In addition, many things, like the ventilation system from the rear of the music room were vandalized.

Ms. Winterbottom does not know how the new law will be enforced. Said Ms. Winterbottom, "There is no reason for the student (smoking) rules to change."

Said a senior student who currently smokes in the bathrooms at O.R.H.S. on the possibility of police enforcing the new law, "If they (the school officials) want to waste the tax payers' money by calling the police, then go ahead. We'll smoke outside."

The school should give us an outdoor smoking section."

In reality, the new state law will not change the student smoking rules at O.R.H.S. due to the fact student smoking is already forbidden.

On the other hand, one of the smoking faculty members said on the new state law, "The school board adopted the state law for the school policy." He went on to say that he felt the law was fair, and that for the smoking faculty members, the new law would not be a big problem. On the other hand, he said the smoking students would probably be a bigger problem.

SENIOR DANCE

by Andrea Collins

The September 14 senior dance was declared a "complete success" by senior class president, Chris Taube. The senior class made \$550.00 profit, and most of the students agreed that the disc jockey, Jean-Paul was excellent. Seniors Janice Philbrook and Evan Wallman stated that the "D.J. was awesome!" and "The dance was hip, hop and happenin', especially when the seniors dedicated 'Push It' to the Frosh."

Even the freshmen enjoyed themselves. When two freshmen girls were asked about the seniors dedication of "Push It", they exclaimed "I liked it, it was funny!" and "WOW! They actually noticed us."

The dance seemed to be a success for the seniors and all the students attending.



STUDENT COUNCIL STUDIES BONFIRE PROPOSAL

by Joshua Hodsdon

There will be no bonfire this year, according to Mrs. Whitten and Mrs. Brown, unless it can be made safer and less rowdy. They cite instances in last year's bonfire when marshmallows were thrown and students in the junior and senior classes got too pushy during one of the cheers.

"The students have a hard time drawing the line between acceptable rowdiness and hooligan rowdiness," said Mrs. Brown.

Mrs. Whitten, who headed the supervision on last year's bonfire, said that this year she, "didn't want to be responsible for the safety of 300 screaming kids and a raging fire."

Student council set up a committee, led by senior Toby Mautz, seeking to reinstate the bonfire. He said, "We are putting together a proposal for Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Winterbottom to try and work together on ways to make a bonfire this year that will be both safe and fun".

"The bonfire was a great way to get classes together and get spirit going but I guess we abused it," said senior Marie Roy.

Over the past six years there have been four bonfires, and the problems in some of them resulted in two

being cancelled.

Last year's bonfire was set up with the food and ceremony inside and the cheering outside. The arrange-

ment was in response to problems of control at the bonfire two years ago.

"The bonfire began to die down and it got too dark to adequately supervise," said Mrs. Whitten. The students refused to leave and things got out of hand.

Last year's administration and student council decided to give food as an incentive to return indoors. Even with the precautions, the administration still felt it would be best not to schedule a bonfire for this year.

"We'll have to go elsewhere for our spirit," said Janice Philbrook, a senior.

Senior Chris Laughlin said, "he didn't want to be known as the senior class who canned the bonfire."

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THIRD ORHS SOVIET TRIP PLANNED FOR APRIL

by Susan Mertens

A Soviet trip is being sponsored by the Oyster River High School in April. The trip is being directed by Alex Herlihy, a member of the Social Studies department.

The exchange is part of an educational program benefitting students from all over the world. Along with Mr. Herlihy, the principal, Ms. Brown, Mr. Nilson, and Mrs. Rous are participating in this exchange.

Among the students that are going are five juniors, Ellen Williams, Judy Williams, Mary McCleery, Kristen Bub, and Kyle Downy. There are also three sophomores that are participating in this exchange, Nahanni Rous, Gabe Brown, and Jay Seger.

In this Soviet program, students will be going from the United States to Russia to experience a different culture, language, and society. The students will be going to Leningrad. According to Mr. Herlihy "The ORHS group will stay with host families, and take special classes given in English on Russian culture and historical topics."

outside of the city.

The purpose of the exchange is to open the eyes of students as to show how similar the Russians are to the Americans in spite of the economic and cultural differences. The trip will provide lasting memories and new friends.

A 1990 graduate, Alexandria Brink established a pen pal two years ago in Leningrad. Alexandria met that person on the trip that went last year. "That has been the most visible success" Mr. Herlihy said.

The past trips have been private educational tours that students from Oyster River have participated in. Those trips, unlike the educational exchange this year, were not related to the school or school activities. Mr. Herlihy feels that the trips were successful because of the close contact with the English speaking Russians.

Christine Jackson, a junior who went on the trip last year, said "The people made the trip."

Students may also take an introduction to the Russian language. According to Mr. Herlihy, they will visit places inside and



Partial cast for 'Cheaper by the Dozen' from l-r: Anita Mathur, Stephanie Adams, Hilary McHone, Amy Holmes, Tim Myers, Mike Morenda & Lance Waterfield

"CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN" FEATURES CAST OF TWENTY

By Jessica Thibault

This year's fall play, to be performed on November 15, 16 and 17, is "Cheaper by the Dozen."

The play is a comedy about a family with twelve children during the exciting 1920's. The Gilbreth clan, ranging in age from an infant to a high school senior, struggle with their father's attempts to make the household run like a modern, efficient factory. Each day the children respond to their father's whistle and are shown how to wash dishes, get dressed, or brush their teeth more efficiently.

The cast includes the two parents, nine of the twelve children, a housekeeper, a male cheerleader, the family doctor, an overbearing teacher, and one of the daughter's boyfriends.

The play casts Bill Stansfield as Mr. Gilbreth and Megan Mieras as Mrs. Gilbreth. The children will be played by Stefanie Adams, Liz Bucar, Joe Burke, Matt Frazer, Anita Mathur, Jenny Mosley and Tim Myers. Kali Armstrong (age 12) and Shaina Campbell (age 7) have been selected for parts from Oyster River Middle and Elementary Schools, respectively. Mike Merenda, Amy Holmes, Scott Long, Vonda Wells, Briana Campbell, and Bill McAnirlin. Stage manager will be Pam Lowy, and Jessie Crockett will assist the director.

Auditions were held on September 26 and 27 and October 1. Director Richard Tappan commented that "Selecting people was very hard because there are so few parts." Even after

adding some minor roles, only 20 out of the 44 students that auditioned could be selected.

Mr. Tappan is already excited about the drama program. "It seems likely that we'll have a strong drama team this year-Tappan, Twiss, and Lofgren," said Tappan. Mr. Twiss is the new music teacher. Mr. Lofgren is the new shop teacher and has been helping out with set-building for the fall play. He has done work with Radio City Music Hall.

Other performers will include Sarah Whitten and Lance Waterfield (who will have singing parts), Gabe Brown, Hilary McHone,



GLOBE REPORTER VISITS ORHS

by Jon Waskiewicz

Boston Globe columnist Andy Merton spoke to Mr. Tappan's and Mrs. Whitten's writing classes recently. His main theme was the need for writers to learn to write in their own voices.

Merton is also a professor of non-fiction writing in the English Department of UNH. He has written for Esquire Magazine and several other periodicals. He is also the author of a book about the abortion controversy.

After commenting on his own writing

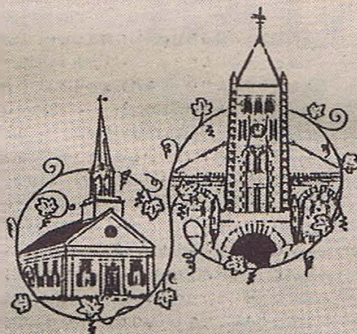
process, he invited questions from the thirty-five students listening.

Students asked questions about outlining, and were amused when Merton said that he hated outlining on paper, preferring to plan out the article in his mind. He did say that it is necessary to outline long works running into dozens of pages.

Merton urged students not to pack their writing with high-sounding vocabulary that they really don't understand

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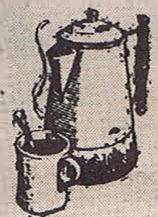
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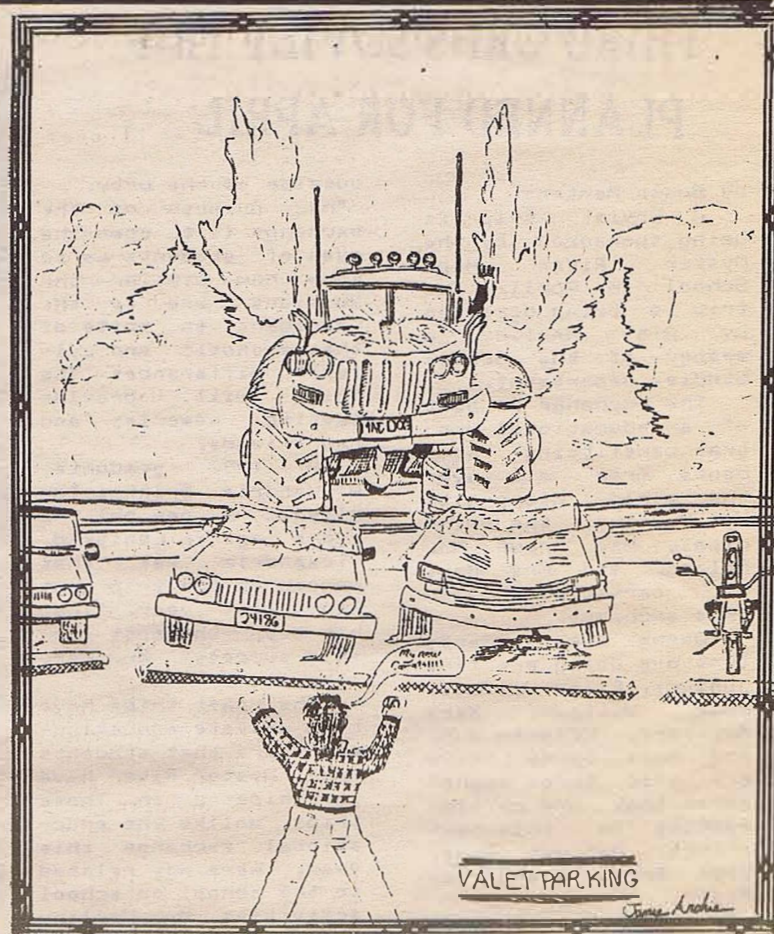
Once again the Oyster River School Board is considering a building program to deal with increased enrollments. Right now the high school's enrollment is the lowest in nearly twenty years, but within three years, the numbers will start to climb dramatically. The long view solution considered best by all the experts is the construction of a new high school.

Will the new Oyster River High School simply be a bigger version of the present one? Will the building and what goes on inside it be repeated on a bigger scale for the twenty-first century? We hope not. The traditional departmentalized high school is a structure out of the nineteenth century and is not the best way to go to equip the young people of America for the year 2000 and beyond.

There are some encouraging signs that the Oyster River District is thinking very creatively about the future look of education here and nationwide. Recently many Oyster River High teachers have begun visits to high schools which are constructed around a totally different approach which integrates subject matter instead of separating everything we learn into "math," "science," and "English." The Long-Range Planning Committee of the Board is also thinking along the lines of a very new structure for the high school. Cooperation with business and industry, the increase in technology, active student involvement on projects, decision-making and daily operation of the schools are all features of education not currently practiced in traditional high schools such as Oyster River.

Research is more and more critical of the traditional high school, even a very good one such as here. In a recent study at ORES by a University of Toronto education professor, the frustration of students and teachers alike was a strong theme--frustration with starting and stopping work; frustration with a day broken into artificial pieces; frustration with the rigidity of time schedules; frustration with the feeling of powerlessness to decide what is important or valuable to learn.

It is very important that Oyster River remain an educational leader in New Hampshire. If we are going to break ground on a new building, it would be foolish and sad to fail to break ground on new ideas, ideas designed for the human and educational needs of the 21st century.



DO YOU HAVE A GAS PROBLEM?

by Lance Waterfield

Do you drive a car? Then you are probably painfully aware of the ridiculous gas prices that exist lately.

I drive a 1982 Ford Escort (with a big dent in it)--this car could drive me to and from school for a week for about four dollars a week. Now I spend almost eight dollars for the same privilege.

"My gas gauge is always on empty because I'm always broke," says junior Mandy Tappan. I can remember once when I was able to drive myself and my friends around for 43 cents worth of gas.

One possible solution to the problem is to shift sooner (if you drive a standard), but this would leave us all driving like teachers and we hardly wish to emulate our professors. Another solution would be to walk or take a bus. Which would you rather do?

Perhaps one good thing has come from this whole price gouging thing--the less driving we do, the less we damage our environment. So instead of driving this winter, ski to school and with all the money you save maybe you can afford school lunch prices.

JOKES



Alarm System goes into effect.

A "KINDER, GENTLER" HIGH SCHOOL

by Jenna McNeill

Have you noticed that Oyster River has become a "kinder, gentler" school? No more harsh bells between periods. Now we have a gentle tone to coax us on our way.

Although students continue to commit assault and battery on one another as they press their way to class, it is with a smile and a giggle.

The new spirit of Oyster River is evident everywhere. The office is now a "student reception area" with carpeting, plushy furniture and plants. In fact, it is so inviting that several students each night linger for an hour just for the chance for a little extra time enjoying the ambience.

No words can express how comforting the

environment has become, so the students sit for one our in total silence.

The "kinder, gentler" atmosphere makes everyone feel much more welcome, and certainly more secure. "Secure" is definitely another feature of the New Oyster River. With the help of the Burns Security System, we know that somewhere someone will always be aware of our presence.

If students felt that they weren't noticed in the past, just let them try an after-hours visit.

There is no need to feel pressure from homework, athletic practices, and all the other demands on our time. Now we have peer outreach as a place to dump our problems. If you are a freshman or sophomore, you'll have

to go in after school and then walk home, but the extra exercise will be an extra dose of therapy.

As we all remember the words of our president when he promised a "kinder, gentler nation", we can take a great deal of comfort in knowing that the spirit of his administration is spreading all over this great land, even to Oyster River, where we are once again taking the pledge.

Whenever you feel a little overwhelmed by the time crunch, the homework, and the "social whirl," just remember, you could be in Saudi Arabia.

When we recall Mr. Bush's other famous words ("Read my lips!") we are reminded that things could always be worse.

Administration Introduces New Beefed Up Detention Policy

By Mark Allen
Chronic rule-breakers may find themselves sitting alone in the principal's conference room. This year in-school suspension is being used more commonly than out of school suspension.

The reason for this change in strategy, according to Assistant Principal for Student Services Nancy Winterbottom, is that "suspensions at home are usually looked at like jokes." This change, to in-school suspension, makes punishment for misbehavior more serious.

The detention policy remains the same, yet a problem has developed in coverage of detention by teachers. Mr. Simmons volunteered to cover Mondays, but Tuesday through Friday students report to the front office. Ms. Winterbottom or Mr. Shap-

iro supervise these detentions.

Are as many students getting detentions? "No," said Ms. Winterbottom. "We are giving fewer detentions because people know the rules and that we are serious about them." Also, now that detention is five days a week, the number of people to be in detention on any given day is likely to be smaller.

The reasons for getting detention re-

main the same: skipping school, skipping class or just general misbehaving. If a student is tardy to class three times, that's one detention. If a student skips a detention, he or she receives a doubling of detention time (2 days for each day missed, e.g.). If a student continues misbehaving he or she is likely to receive an in-school suspension.

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and never use. "The words can be simple while the ideas are complex. Don't muddle your message with a lot of phony language."

Merton shared several articles from

the Globe that he has written recent months, each article with a different tone, point of view, etc. He said that we all speak in a variety of voices-- to parents, to teachers, to friends-- and that we should try to get in touch with the voices we have within us when we start to "talk" on paper to various audiences.



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is from Valladolid, Spain. He has studied English for ten years, and plans to spend the whole year as well. He noticed a difference in schools as in Spain, he attended a religious school that had around forty students in each class, and the teachers moved from classroom to classroom, not the students.

In contrast, Claudia Risopatron, 16, did not know any English when she came to the U.S. 8 months ago. She arrived with her parents from Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, to stay until her stepfather completes his PhD, at the University. The differences for her are the fattening foods, and the cold weather.

When Angelica Diaz, 21, from Columbia, was asked what she thought of the U.S. replied, "I think that driving here is safe and that all places look very clean." She has studied English for six years, and intends "to learn French, improve my reading skills, play tennis, and play archery."

Carola Gutierrez, 17, is from Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia. She has studied English for about eight years, approximately two hours per day. She said she loves New Hampshire, and that the houses are more "cozy" and relaxing than those in her home.

Andres summed up his feelings by saying "...the U.S. in this part of the country is very different than my country, and I'm very amused to live here."

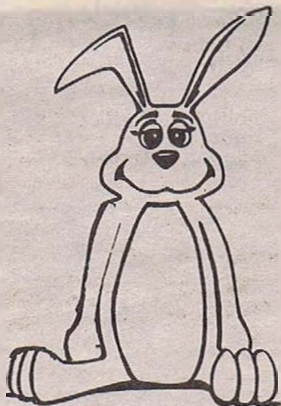
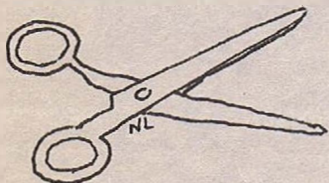
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SADD CO-PRESIDENTS ELECTED; ROSEMARY BOONE, LORI SLIPPY

By Jessica Thibault
Oyster River High School's "Students Against Driving Drunk" organization is focusing on increasing its membership this year. At this point, there are approximately 18 students involved and members are urging more to join.

S.A.D.D. members were considering talking with members of the organization at St. Thomas High School to find out how they get so much participation. Approximately 100 students are involved in S.A.D.D. at St. Thomas.

Advisor JoAnn Lemire and members met on Monday, October 1, to choose their officers. This year, instead of electing a president and vice-president, they decided to elect two co-presidents: Rosemary Boone and Laurie Slippy. Other officers are Treasurer Dean Kennedy, Secretary Tina Grondin, Public Relations officers Angie Dufour and Emoree Driscoll.

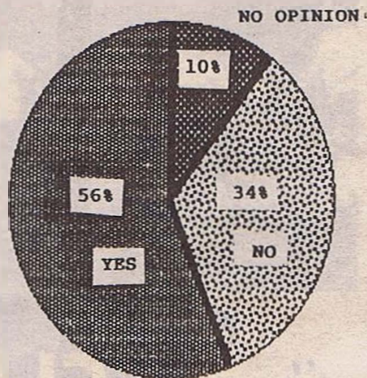
The group started the year with \$289 according to Mrs. Lemire. Anticipated activities include such

fund-raisers as dances, car washes, and bake-sales.

No definite decisions have been made as to what they plan to do with their funds. In past years, they have held assemblies in order to alert students to the dangers of drinking and driving.

Meetings are held after school until 3:15. "We really need support from more students. If you have time, please stop by and talk to us," said S.A.D.D. member Laurie Paquette.

Do Students Think Lunch Prices Are Too High?



by Scott Davis

The price of lunch is on the rise and, according to Pat Laska, the Food Service Director for the Oyster River School District, it is due to the general increase of food costs nationwide.

The students of Oyster River, particularly juniors and seniors, are not pleased with the increase. "They want us to eat right, but how can we with the prices so high?" stated junior Nathan Weeks.

A survey taken during second lunch indicated most juniors and seniors felt that the recent increase in

price was not justified due to the amount of food received. Sophomore Mark Derocchi said that "the former prices were reasonable but now it is too much for so little food."

Pat Laska stated that the high school lunch program earns a small profit but this past year the lunch program for all four OR schools had a \$3000 loss. Laska also mentioned that the cafeteria employees had received a 5.5% raise. For students concerned with the increased prices, Mrs. Langley, director of the high school lunch program stated that "The combo is the only way to go."

French and Spanish Clubs plan events

by Kristi Morong

The French and Spanish clubs held their first joint meeting on Tuesday, September 18, to elect officers and make plans for the year.

French club officers include Sarah Jones, president; Steve Wourgiotis, vice-president; Bill Stansfield, treasurer; and Jenna McNeill secretary.

Spanish club officers are Angelica Diaz, president; Pam Lowy, vice-president; John Cabral, treasurer; and Noah Lerner, secretary.

Upcoming plans include watching a French movie at Sarah Jones' house on October 25, and having a Spanish club-sponsored Halloween party at Jenna McNeill's house on November 1, which the French club is invited to.



JUNIOR AND SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS PLAN BUSY SOCIAL SCHEDULE FOR 1990-91



The attention of the Junior Class officers has been attracted during an intense meeting

By Jessica Surdam

The ORHS Junior and Senior class officers this year are focusing on class unity. While the Juniors have plans to raise enough money to party their whole senior year, the seniors want to spend all they have.

The senior dance collected \$500 for the class treasury, the most that the class has ever made from a dance, according to class president Chris Taube. Juniors are planning their dance for October 19. "It should be a good fund raiser for the class if enough people show up" says Junior class president Jim Spires, who also

one of the two bands that will play at the dance. The other band will be Undeserved Spankings, and the dance will also feature a DJ.

The Seniors won the Jr/Sr softball game on October 7. "The Juniors were forced into submission by the Senior class superiority" says senior Lance Waterfield.

The Junior class is thinking about ski trips when they get some snow. "We are open for suggestions as to where we can ski. We'd like some ideas from other students" says junior class president Jim Spires.

Senior plans for this fall include, a

blazers lacrosse game, apot luck supper, bowling and dancing at Dover Bowl, and a dinner/dancing cruise on lake Winnepesaukee. They also plan to have a sledding party in the winter.

Junior plans include, wrestling 2, Bruins and Red Sox games, and a class camping trip.

Senior class officers are president Chris Taube, vice president Andy Muggleworth, treasurer John Waskiewicz, and secretary Marie Roy.

Junior class officers are president Jim Spires, vice president Greg Provencher, treasurer Frank Sabin, and secretary Alex Roy.

FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORES PLAN 90-91 YEAR

By Jessica Surdam

Ninth and tenth grade plans focus on raising money and building class unity.

This year's sophomore class officers are planning a dance for November 3, and a car wash in the near future, according to class president Ian Duncan. Hiking up the backside of Wildcat Mountain in late October or early November is an idea that the sophomores have.

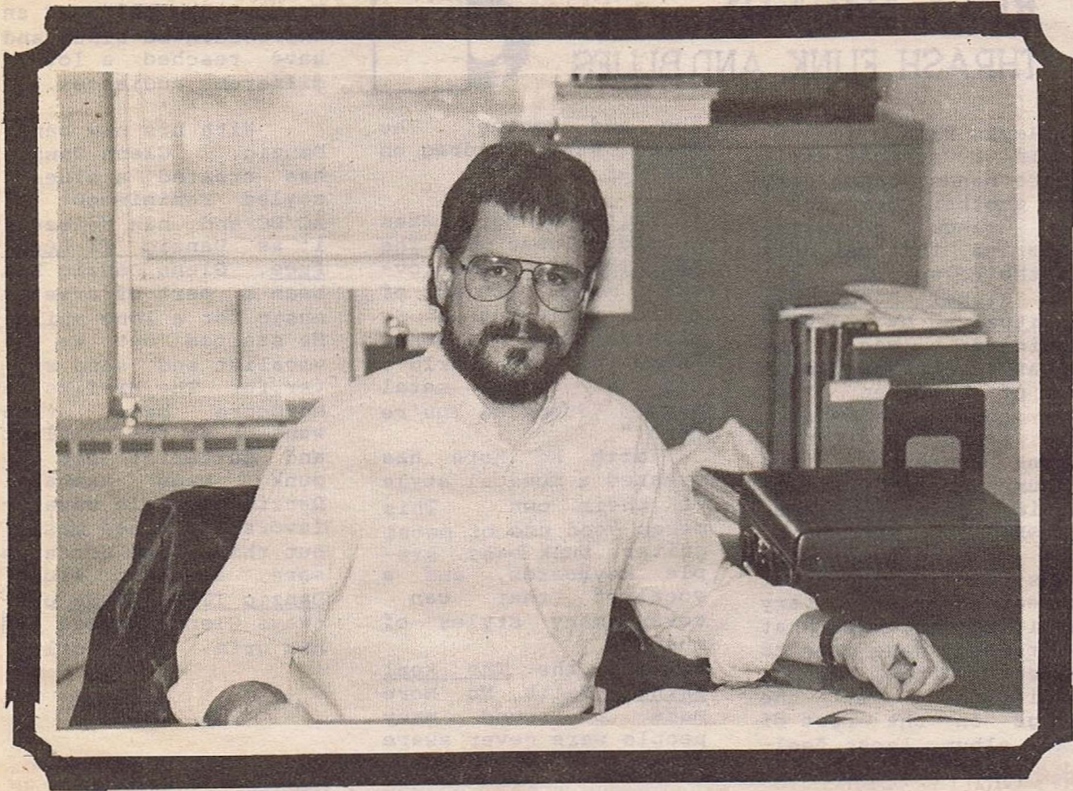
Ski trips, a sledding party, and a Mill Pond skating party are some ideas for winter, according to Duncan.

Sophomore class officers are President Ian Duncan, Vice President Darren Miller, Treasurer John Hill, and Secretary Sarah Shoemaker.

The freshman had their elections on October 5 and had their first meeting on October 9. At their first meeting they discussed having their dance sometime in December, and a car wash before it is cold, according to class Vice President Nicole Beck.

Results of the freshman elections are President Kim Golding, Vice President Nicole Beck, Treasurer Seth Deforest, and Secretary Bob Murphy.





Mr. Twiss



Chris Taube and Nate LaPierre submit Community Service applications book outside the office. Ms. Williams is coordinator of the program.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM ADDS PEER TUTORS, FUNDRAISING

By Eric S. Ritvo

The Oyster River High School community service program is off and running strong, expanding with two new projects.

The new additions to the program this year are Peer Tutors and fundraising for charities, joining the already successful Big Buddy, Friend to the Elderly, Soup Kitchen and Youth Association Coach projects.

Peer Tutors take time out of their day to help fellow students with their schoolwork. Student fundraisers collect money for the charity of their choice.

Ms. Denise Williams, the head of the program this year, is trying to get the students more involved with running the projects. She says, "The fact that students are becoming the program developers is great, so that it [the program] stays student oriented."

Approximately ninety students have signed up this year, with thirty-five students interested in the Big Buddy project, making it the most popular. Twenty-five students will help feed people in the Soup Kitchen, and fifteen students will act as Peer Tutors.

There will be five students befriending the elderly, and three

youth association coaches. Six students are involved in the fundraising. Ms. Williams says, "I'm excited with the opportunity to work with so many caring students."

The program runs each semester, so that it can accommodate other student activities. For instance, if students can participate in the Big Buddy project, when they do not have conflicting commitments. Sophomore Big Buddy Michelle Monroe says, "It's really great because I get to play sports in the fall and be with my little buddy in the winter."

Most students agree that their involvement in the community service programs has been a rewarding experience. Sophomore Big Buddy Stefany Shaheen says, "I'm continuing with the program because the kids are great." She continues, "Dealing with the children gives me a sense of accomplishment."

The program is an example of the changing attitude in O.R.H.S. In past years, students have done activities for the purpose of getting into college, now they are doing it for the benefit of others. Sophomore Darren Miller who worked in the Soup Kitchen states, "In my opinion, people are doing the

program for the experience and pleasure. The fact that it helps on the application is icing on the cake."

Junior Greg Provencher, who worked with the elderly states, "The program presents a unique opportunity to help people and be with your friends." When asked about college he said, "The program is for helping people, not for college."

Mrs. Lauten honored in Washington for math teaching excellence

by Jen Thompson

Oyster River math teacher Darien Lauten has been selected to receive the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching. She flew to Washington on October 16 for a week-long conference which will include a meeting with President Bush. As a result of the award, Oyster River receives a \$7500 grant to be administered by Lauten.

"The purpose of the award is to draw attention to the importance of math and science

education in this country, and to recognize all math and science teachers by recognizing a few representatives," Mrs. Lauten said. The award's recipient is chosen from current teachers of math in public or private high schools or middle schools. Three applicants were chosen from New Hampshire, and Mrs. Lauten made the final cut in Washington.

Her trip will include "receptions, dinners, seminars with Washington officials and recipients from

other states, and talks by leading mathematicians and scientists." She feels that her award will put her "more in contact with national directors in math education and other math teachers across the country." Lauten says she was "pleased, surprised and excited" when she was chosen as the New Hampshire winner by a committee in Washington to be a representative of math teachers. She stresses that she was the only teacher in the school to apply, and is "in no way better" than the rest of the faculty.

"She credits her acceptance to involvement in math-related organizations such as the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. She is a board member of the New Hampshire Association of Teachers of Math in New England, and of the National Education Organization.

Mrs. Lauten holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in math education from William Paterson College of New Jersey, and a Master of Science from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology.

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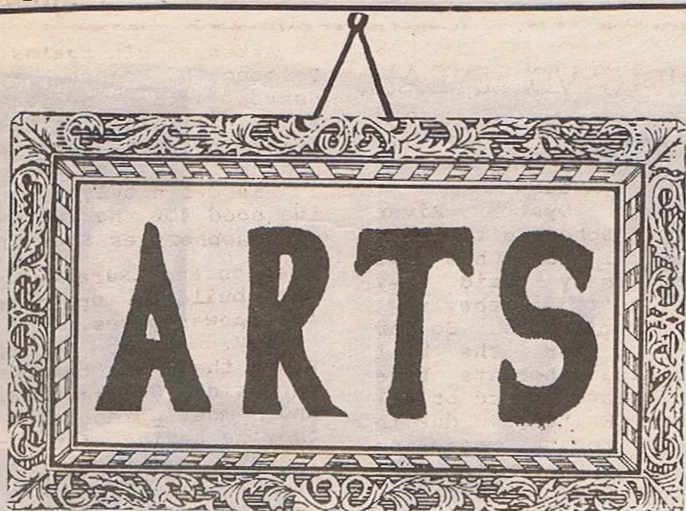
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Movie Review

Scorsese's "Goodfellas" a fascinating Mob story

By: Eric S. Ritvo

Goodfellas, directed by Martin Scorsese, and based on the life of mobster Henry Hill, is a fast-moving, encompassing picture that will go down in history as one of the best mob movies ever made.

Starring in Goodfellas is Ray Liotta who masterfully plays Henry Hill, Robert De Niro plays his cohort Jimmy Conway, and Joe Pesci plays another wiseguy, Tommy. These three form the nucleus of the movie as the movie follows them and their actions.

The biggest surprise out of the three was Joe Pesci, who is coming into his own as an actor. He received acclaim for his portrayal of "Leo Getz" in the summer smash Lethal Weapon 2, and should for this role. His nonstop energy makes him the most enjoyable to watch as he goes from a laughing comedian to a serious mobster in a split second.

Robert De Niro plays Jimmy Conway with the same brilliance that he has used throughout his years as an actor. His presence and sheer ability raise the level of the other actors whether he is on the screen or not. His role as the sinister mobster who doesn't mind killing anyone fits him perfectly, and is done perfectly.

Ray Liotta receives the most screen time, and plays his best role ever. The movie follows him and is placed in his capable hands. His portrayal of Henry Hill is done so well that when the talking switches from dialogue to narration, the audience doesn't blink or become confused.

"As far back as I can remember, I always wanted to be a gangster." The movie opens with Henry Hill narrating this line and sets the premise for showing how in life there is nothing greater than being a gangster. Gangsters are treated like royalty by paying off cops, waiters bringing out an extra table for them

when the restaurant is full, and basically how you are so revered that no one thinks of touching you. As Henry Hill says, "The gangsters did what they wanted, and no one messed with them."

The mobsters in this movie are not the greatest "goodfellas", but to each other they are. What could be better than doing what you wanted, stealing what you wanted, and knowing that you couldn't get in trouble. These people lived a life that most will never know, and Goodfellas shows that life better than any other movie.

The trick to this movie is its speed. Although some two and a half hours in length, the movie flies right by. The scenes flow together and the movie gives the feeling that if you go to get popcorn, you'll miss something. The movie has an aura of suspense that isn't one of "Is he gonna win" (see the Rocky series), but more like "What stunt will they pull off next?"

The movie has many little touches that make it better than the average flick. First, it has narration. Ray Liotta talks directly to the audience and helps them understand what he is thinking. Usually, this would be condescending to the moviegoer, but it is done so subtly and quickly that it goes relatively unnoticed.

When this narration is happening, the movie will freeze on the picture and let the actor talk. Although these pictures have no motion, they contain so much raw emotion that it seems like they are moving.

This is a movie that appeals to all. It has enough violence for the blood-thirsty, and

enough emotion for the compassionate. Everyone should see this flick.

Rating:

ROCK SOUNDS THRASH, FUNK AND BLUES



By Kevin Hahn

In a musical world where bands often copy one another there are a few bands releasing material that can only be their own.

Ritual de lo Habitual by Jane's Addiction was the greatest disappointment out of the three. This Los Angeles band bases its sound on a thrash/funk fusion. The album starts out with their first release "STOP!", a good song, but the album isn't consistent. The first three songs are very exciting and are what listeners have come to expect from Jane's Addiction, but the songs on the rest of the album lacks feel-

ing and content. The songs seem to drag on forever.

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Faith No More makes a bold release with The Real Thing. This covers many styles of music including a bluesy/jazzy song, "Edge of the World", and a thrash metal song, "Surprise You're Dead!".

Faith No More has created a musical style of their own. This makes good use of metal guitar, funk bass, simple keyboards, and a vocalist that can cover many styles of music.

With the The Real Thing Faith No More make a sound many people were never aware

could be made. Faith No More has released an unprecedented album and have reached a lot of different audiences.

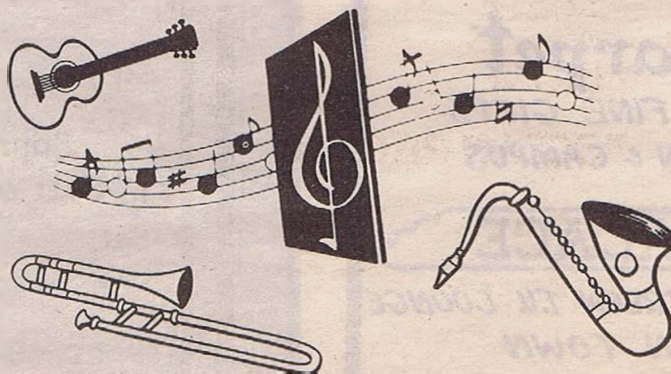
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With his new band, Danzig, Glenn Danzig has created a bluesy styled reminiscent of AC/DC and has released it as Danzig II Lucifuge. Glenn Danzig has been a part of created music for a long while. He started out as the vocalist and song writer for The Misfits, a hardcore band, then went on as the vocalist and guitarist for the punk band Samhain. Danzig's style usually favors amplified music, but this album contains some acoustic blues. Danzig II-Lucifuge portrays Glenn Danzig and his grim, dark world.

Parker LEWIS CAN'T LOSE



BEST BUDS -- Parker Lewis (Corin Nemec) and Mikey Randall (William Jayne) are not only best friends, but the biggest operators at Santo Domingo High in Columbia Pictures Television's "Parker Lewis Can't Lose," airing Sunday evenings at 7:30 P.M. (ET) on Fox Broadcasting Stations.



By Glenn Watt

With the beginning of a new school year comes new changes. This year, Oyster River has acquired a new music teacher, Dana Twiss. Replacing Steve Denson, Mr. Twiss has his own ideas and aspirations.

Mr. Twiss is trying to form bands this year but finds it difficult. "Kids are sort of discouraged and are apprehensive about joining the bands since last year ended on a down note..." said former Denson and present Twiss student Bryan Killough.

Another Twiss student, Josh Stamper stated, "I think that one of the reasons why no one's joining the bands this year is because of some of the student/teacher conflicts last year." Stamper then went on to say that Mr. Twiss teaches in a more relaxed atmosphere and things aren't as hectic as they were with Mr. Denson.

When questioned about the same matter, Mrs. MacKay said students who had dropped a band course said they did so because they were used to larger bands in their previous schools.

The music program this year offers jazz band, orchestra, and school band. Still offered this year is lunch time chorus and chamber singers which Mr. Twiss finds promising.

A calendar of events for the music department has been designed. Major productions to look for are the Winter Holidays Concert on Dec. 13, the Valentines Concert on Feb. 14, the musical The Fantasticks which is proposed to be March 21-23 and the Spring Concert on May 23.

An experienced music teacher coming from six years teaching in Florida and last year in Hopkinton, Mr. Twiss says, "I'd just like to encourage kids who play instruments to join our bands."

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ated the second half, but were unable to score until the final ten minutes. Erica Beck threw the ball inbounds and on the return pass, she drilled the ball into the upper right-hand corner, just past the reach of the Stevens' goalie.

At this point, the Bobcats lost their intensity as Stevens came storming back with a goal just minutes after Beck's goal. In the closing moments of the game, Bobcat goalie, Sue Varholly made several crucial saves to help preserve the Bobcat's 2-1 victory.

Coach Chris Morrill had this to say about the game, "We played great for 70 minutes, but after we scored our second goal, in the final 10 minutes we had a psychological let-down which turned into a physical let-down."

The Oyster River soccer team consists of senior captains Heather James and Sue Varholly,



Mandy Tappan sets up an O R attacker

juniors Julie Walsh, Angela Twombly, Tonya Stefanski, Tory Jennison, Shannon Veno, Erica Beck, Abby Burton, Leslie Anderson, sophomores Jen Friel, Holly MacKay, Nicole Bellabona, Liz Fernald, Toutou Saravong, and ninth graders Amy Andrews, Nicole Beck, Kasey Evans, Kim Golding, Brandi Hoyt,

Dianne Jennison, and Anita Pudil. The coach is Chris Morrill and his assistant is Chris Curran.

The Bobcats finish the season with 2 important home games on their drive to return to the finals. Today they play Derryfield and on Friday October 19 they close the season vs. Pembroke.

GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL
TOURNEY-BOUND

by Ben Hudson

The Oyster River High School girls volleyball team has done what many said they couldn't do: they've won many games. So far this year the ball bumping bobcats have the best record of all the OR teams, due in part to the coaching of Ed Sharon and J.V. coach Craig Welch.

At 11 and 3, the Bobcats are a new team this year. The teams consists of 5 returning varsity starters, and 18 other players divided between the varsity and J.V. teams.

Returning starter and captain, Janice Philbrook commented, "I dreaded tryouts this year because I figured we'd have to start all over again." However the team proved to be in excellent shape and ready to tackle anything.

After a win against Portsmouth coach Ed Sharon said "The team is at a point on the fence between being a medium or a good team. It is definitely looking good for the future with sophomores Stefany

Shaheen and Sara Weidhaas building up to be real powerhouses."

J.V. coach Craig added that, "the team is improving 100% each day and most important, they're having fun out there."

Starters for the Bobcats include Janice Philbrook and Mandy Tappan as setters, Ally Limber, Stefany Shaheen, Sara Weidhaas, and Hilary McHone as hitters and passers. The bobcats take on Pinkerton and Mascenic this week before playing in the finals.

"The main difference between coaching this year's team and last year's team is that this year I'm more of a cheerleader than a teacher," said coach Sharon.

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doubles.

"Competitiveness is about 90% mental and 10% physical-- a mind game where you have to stay in the race in your head, even if someone gets ahead of you, you have to pass them in your mind before you can pass them in the water," said Taube.

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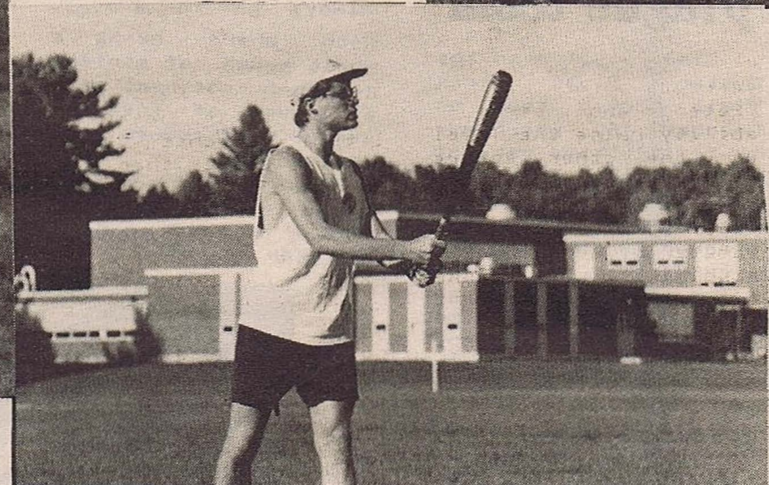
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DeForest in defense and Toby Mautz, Jeremy Katz Andrew Muggleworth, Jon Criswell, Andres Oliva, Frank Sabin, and Donaldo Laferriere in offense, and Alex Roy in goal.

Ed Bell, team manager, explained when asked, who are some of the key players on the team, he spoke of Cirillo as being the backbone defenseman, Laferriere as the player with extraordinary speed and Alex Collins for creating options for losing his defenseman while playing offense, he also added that Mautz never seems to have problems with releasing his energy because he always is moving to the ball."

The boys have high hopes of performing in the class I finals in Concord. Junior Frank Sabin commented, "The season will end very strong and I predict that we will make it to the finals." According to Cirillo, "We as a team have so much talent and our record doesn't show it."

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OYSTER RIVER GIRLS' X-COUNTRY

By Jessica Surdam

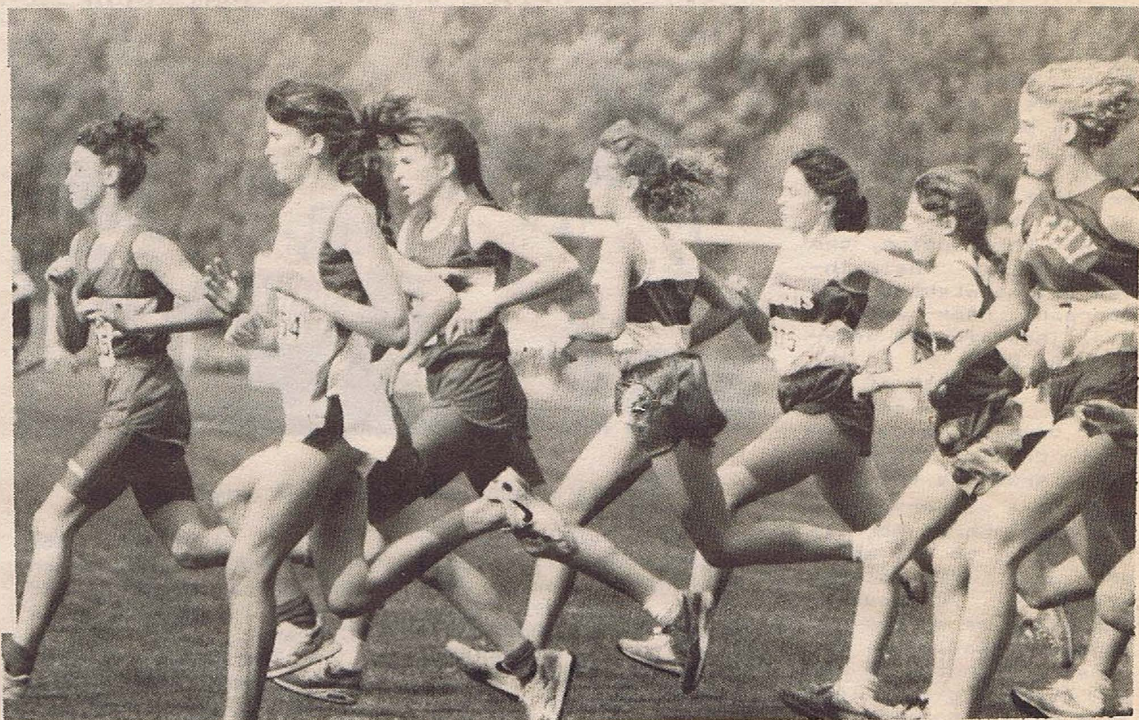
The ORHS Girls Cross Country team finished first at the Kingswood Invitational last Friday. The team is lead by the varsity runners Jen Thompson, Jen Jenkins, Amy Levesque, Ambre Proulx, Melissa Geesland, and Jean Croker.

Last year's New England championship season "Will be a tough act to follow but we are setting no limits on ourselves," says coach Carol Gephart, who is a nationally known triathlete.

"We intend to compete in the New England Championships and the Meet of Champions," says Mrs. Gephart. The team is now in the midst of working very hard, according to Mrs. Gephart.

A weekly workout is as follows: Monday is a long run, which is approximately 5 miles for JV and 8 miles for varsity. Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday are light days: about 3 miles for JV and 4-5 miles for varsity. Wednesday the team has a speed workout, Friday everyone runs 2-3 miles and Saturday is a race day, according to JV runner Jessica Thibault.

The Granite State league meet will be held Friday at Oyster River. October 27, November 3, and November 10 will be the Class I meet, State Meet (the Meet of Champions), and the New England Championships, respectively.



Cross Country runners competing in a meet at Phillips Exeter Academy

OYSTER RIVER BOYS' X-COUNTRY

The ORHS Boys Cross Country team placed second overall at the Kingswood Invitational last Friday. The team is lead by co-captains Brendan Crill and Scott Poteet, sophomore Russ Warren and junior Roberto Acosta, and Coached by Greg Gephart and Bob Byrnes.

Returning varsity runner Scott Poteet, who last year qualified for the New England Championships by being in the top 20 of the state, recently attain-

ed the second best record of speed in ORHS history. Russ Warren, also a returning varsity runner, will probably be among the top 10 in the Class I division, according to coach Bob Byrnes.

Although the team is young, with only one senior, Brendan Crill, and many new runners, Coach Byrnes says that realistically they will be a contender at the Class I Championships.

Mike Johnston, soph-

omore, had been new to cross country last year but has improved a lot and could be on the varsity team by the end of the year, according to Mr. Byrnes.

Meets are on Saturdays most of the time and the team gets a tough workout on Sunday or Monday. Then they have three days of moderate running (3-5 miles) and one day of fast quarter of a mile intervals with short breaks in between.

This Saturday the boys will compete in the Granite State I league Championships at home at 12:00.

Bobcat Rowing

by Scott Poteet

Chris Taube and Graham Duncan took the gold at the U.S. Olympic Festival in Minneapolis-St. Paul in July.

The two members of the Durham Boat Club placed first in the junior double and in the quad in the U.S. Rowing Nationals in Indianapolis in late June.

Taube and Duncan are now looking forward to the Junior World Championships scheduled for Barcelona, Spain next summer.

Taube started rowing in the summer after his freshman year. Duncan started at the end of eighth grade. The two have been rowing partners for three years.

"Even with the early morning practices, the cold, the pain, I still love it because it has given me so much in return," said Chris Taube.

Both of them admit being competitive with each other even though they are good friends and partners in the

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Sickness, injury plague team

Sanborn defeated the Oyster River girls field hockey team on October 16, which was their last home game of the season. This game was typical of their season which has been plagued by injuries and sickness.

The team played an intense first half with action going back and forth between goals with Sanborn leading at the end with a one to nothing edge. The second half was not as intense with the Bobcat defense and offense shutting down allowing five more goals. Senior halfback Gillian Nye said "This game was disappointing. We practiced hard all week and played hard all game and we deserve to win."

The field hockey team, with a record of one win, ten losses, and two ties, have played a spirited season, but can't seem to come out ahead. Second year coach Cathy Baker said, "This is due to a lack of a junior varsity program. Some of these

girls are playing against opponents who have two or three years of experience." Although, Coach Baker has seen a great improvement in the program, but according to Baker, "it will always go in a cycle with there being a whole squad of seniors and then the next year a group of inexperienced sophomores and juniors."

According to senior Audrey Graves "our record is not a good indicator of our

skill...we all work very hard and just can not seem to come out on top." Although the record this season is only one win better than last season all the players feel that this year's team is better according to Graves.

There are ten seniors on this year's team, with nine starting: Kate Berry, Catherine Burger, Audrey Graves, Andrea Collins, Marnie Hylton, Gillian Nye, Debbie Kline, Amy Troxell,

Sarah Whitten, and sophomores Sarla DeGeorge, and Liz Burger with Freshman goalie Dana Smith.

Coach Baker feels that even though there are so many seniors we "play good against the good teams, but when we (field hockey team) play against weaker teams we play down to their level and usually do not come out ahead, and this has hurt us all season."

Senior Captain Sarah Whitten feels that "The team is very positive this year and has a good attitude despite their record." The attendance at the field hockey games has also increased from last year, according to Marnie Hylton. "I think people are beginning to

Field hockey

By Christopher B. Taube

understand how hard this game is and it is becoming less of a joke." When asked if she is bothered by the harassment about the team and their record she said, "I try not to think about it and let it bother me, but this year is a lot different from last year and people have a positive attitude towards us."

Although the field hockey's team record is one-ten-two, it seems that that this year could possibly be a year to build on and a year that could prove to others that field hockey at Oyster River is not a joke. The field hockey team will play their last game on October 18 against Timberlane away. The Bobcats hope to get their second win of the season, according to Andrea.



Bobcat player Sarla DeGeorge + Charlotte Berndston fight for the ball

ROBES DEEMED IMPROPER ATTIRE AT VOLLEYBALL GAMES

By: Jen Thompson

"What do turbans and bathrobes have to do with a particular game or sport?" asked Ms. Brown. "How do turbans and bathrobes take away from a sport?" questioned senior Lance Waterfield. Some fans feel that the banning of robes is stifling their creative outlet, and taking away from school spirit. Other students feel that there are alternate ways to show support which are less distracting to the players, refs, and other schools.

A senior suggested what could be called a student booster club, especially for championship games. This would mean that all of the students would be aware, through posters, of a certain color to wear, or a hat or button to show school spirit in a unified way. Janice Philbrook, a senior volleyball player offered a similar solution. "We (the girl's volleyball team) were really mad when they (fans) weren't allowed to wear the robes anymore... They got us really spirited." She added that the fans were more likely to get out of hand while wearing the robes, and suggested that all of the students be made aware of ways to show spirit together.

our fans help their teams and represent our school well- but a few, in their behavior, detract from the games and hurt the school's reputation," said Ms. Brown. A freshman,

ver girl's volleyball players and touched them, and shouted in their faces. He added that instead of Pro-Nashua signs, the posters showed anti-Bobcat sentiment.

Part of the controversy occurred when the

responsibility to control the crowd. A sophomore stated that "The crowd should know when to stop." Mr. Nichols, the Athletic Director said of the team's responsibility that they had "none while playing, but they

leather whips!" He agreed with the decision to ban the robes in favor of alternative ways to show spirit.

Another sophomore offered the opinion that "A rowdy crowd makes the game more interesting... If they keep the players from being able to play, then that's not appropriate."

Students cited throwing things, yelling obscenities, "exposing oneself" and talking during serves to be examples of unacceptable behavior. Ms. Brown added inappropriate attire, and "standing throughout a game and blocking other spectators, refusing to move, and making too much noise" to the growing list.

Just what can the fans do to promote spirit? Mr. Nichols answered "Supporting your team and showing school spirit should still demonstrate good sportsmanship... Just be there and voice approval for good plays made by either team, and cheer on (encourage, not berate) your team."

There seem to be many things which are appropriate, and many solutions to the problem. If students were to remember that they are not the only fans, and that they should be here to support the team, and not be the center of attention, then the problem would be solved. Fans should not take away from the players, and from the other fan's enjoyment.



The Junior class looks on intently during the pep rally to support the Oyster River High School athletic teams and to show the school spirit O.R.H.S. is known for.

Lindsay Crow said "I haven't noticed much putting down of other schools by our fans. I can't say that about other schools." Mr. Tappan said that at a Nashua game last year, the Nashua fans came over to the Oyster Ri-

administration talked to the coach of the girl's volleyball team. "They (the administration) blamed it (the behavior) on us," according to Philbrook. Most students who were surveyed agreed that the playing team had no

can talk to their fans in school about how to support teams properly."

A senior stated that there were many more intimidating ways to show support of the home team. "It's not like they're wearing

Girls' soccer

WINNING STREAK NOW AT 6TH GAME

by Gabe Wallman

With many new faces and a first year coach, the Oyster River Girls' Soccer team began the season with a record of three wins and three losses. At that point, the Bobcats began to turn their season around with 6 consecutive victories. Their current record stands at 9 wins and 3 losses.

Discussing the season, senior captain Heather James said, "We have good skills but it took us a while to get used to each other." Sophomore Jen Friel

added, "In the beginning of the season we were a bunch of individuals but now we're working as one."

The Bobcats began their turnaround with a 3 - 2 victory over Kingswood.

Following the Kingswood game O.R. traveled to Claremont to take on Stevens. There they pulled off a 1 - 0 victory on Erica Beck's goal late in the second half. Because of a hostile Stevens crowd, the team had to have a police escort out of Claremont. Commenting on the incident,

Angela Twombly said, "It was unbelievable to be escorted out of a town knowing that they can't take losing to Oyster River."

The Bobcats continued their winning ways with victories of 4 - 0 over Timberlane, 2 - 1 over Mt. St. Mary, and a 4 - 0 over St. Thomas.

Next the Bobcats challenged Stevens again this time on our home field. Stevens' hometown paper had called the previous Bobcat win "a fluke." The Bobcats were determined to prove the paper wrong.

The girls came out playing with great intensity on both offense and defense. With about fifteen minutes left in the first half, sophomore Jen Friel scored on a long kick into the left corner of the goal. The Bobcats went into halftime holding a 1-0 edge.

The Bobcats dominated the game. **GIRLS SOCCER. CONT ON P. 9**



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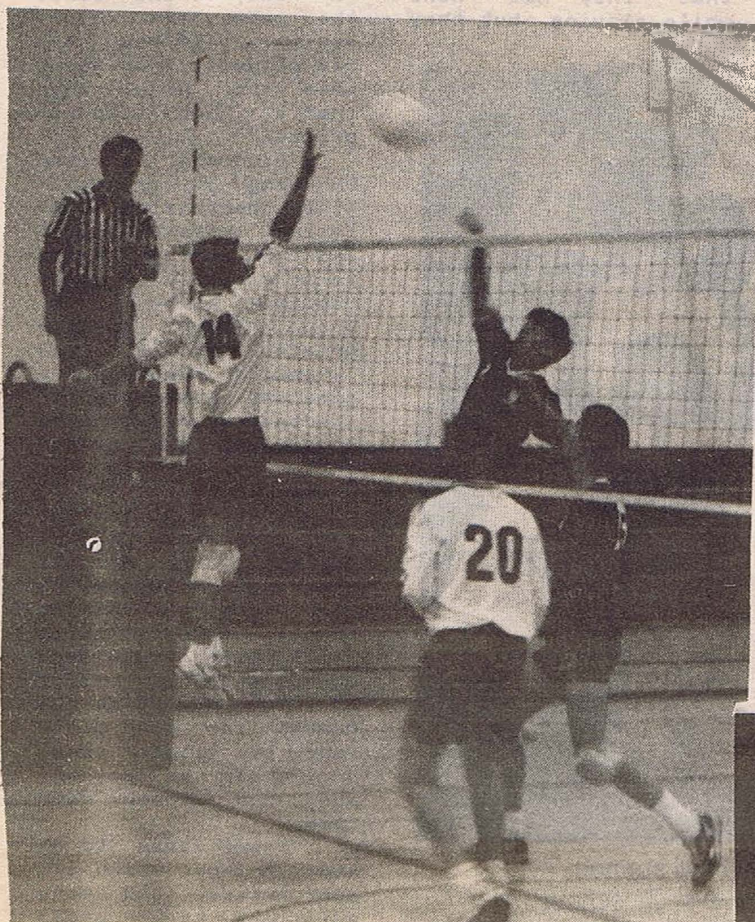
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Sports



BOYS' V-BALL HAS BEATEN EVERYONE IN THE STATE

By Lance Waterfield

The Oyster River High School boys volleyball team has started off with the best record in its two-year history.

With a record of eight wins and three losses, this year's team is "Much better" and has "More depth" than last year's two and eight team according to senior Chris Taube.

The major goal for this year's team is to win the State Championship, as opposed to last year when the team was just trying to get established.

The Bobcats have already taken a first step to the title by beating last year's State Champs Derryfield on October eleventh.

The boys have an aggressive offense, which senior Evan Wallman considers "The best spiking team in the state." This offense has been nurtured by coach George Carey's zeal for attacking.

Oyster River's starting six players are usually: Taube and Wallman with juniors Ben Hudson, Matt Koener and Nathan Weeks and sophomore Ian Duncan. Other team members are: seniors Scott Davis,

Nate Lapierre and Dave Madson; juniors Dave Delude and Ryan Souza; and sophomores Chris Cloitre, Andy Dumont, Garrick Olson and Eric Rimbach.

The team's next match will be the State Championship Tournament in which all four New Hampshire teams along with a team from Concord, Massachusetts (which will be ineligible) compete for the state title. The two teams with the best records at the end of the round-robin tournament will then compete for the championship, according to Coach Carey.

Ben Hudson goes up for a kill in a defeat over Concord MA

OR BOYS' SOCCER HAS A ROCKY ROAD TO THE STATE TOURNAMENT

by Angela Twombly

With four games left the Oyster River Boys soccer team is in 11th place with a record of 3:4:2.

Tomorrow Oyster River plays at Timberlane at 4:00. The last time these two teams met the game ended in a 1-1 tie from sophomore Donald La-Ferriere's goal with two minutes left. Captain Toby Mautz commented, "All our games usually start with us down by goals, but we never quit and the game against Timberlane proved that."

Yesterday the Bobcats played Sanborn

and were defeated 1-0, when 20 minutes into the game Sanborn scored by a corner kick. Last time they played this team, the Bobcats were defeated 4-0. Six shots were taken in the first game against Sanborn and in yesterday's game eighteen shots were taken on net. Senior Lance Waterfield stated, "That it was a very intense game, and we were unlucky to have been scored on in a set play situation."

When asked what is your thoughts on the outcome of the day, the team coach Tom Johnson explained,

Senior Captain Evan Wallman leads the team in a pre game cheer

"Today we were much better organized than past games and even though we were smaller physically than the Sanborn players, we as a team still beat our offenders to the ball."

On Tuesday, October 9 the Bobcats played a tough Derryfield team and lost 2-0. Derryfield has only lost one game in two years. Bob

Gearwar stated, "We played a good game, and they are a good team, so we are happy with the outcome."

There are only four returning varsity soccer players from last year: Toby Mautz, John Cirillo, Andrew Muggleworth, and Kevin Mysliwy but team captain Mautz said "I think the team is really starting

to come together."

Cirillo, one of the team captains said, "Having won the first game of the season, and knowing that it was a good team, brought a feeling of accomplishment to the team."

The starting line includes Bob Gearwar, John Cirillo, and Russ

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